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INTEGRATION FOR MISSION

HOW FAR ARE WE WILLING TO GO?

BY BISHOP DONALD MAIER

The presentable form of ***MISSION 2000,*** a synodical mission strategy, will be coming very soon. I don't know all the language of it yet; but I do know that certain words are sure to appear. Of high value in moving to a more vigorous outreach to the unchurched in Northwest Washington are the notions of *cooperation* and *collaboration.* Both are expressions of the integration of congregational efforts for the sake of the mission.

Rev. Bob Bacher, Director of Administration for the ELCA, offers a set of definitions for different levels of integration in joint effort:

- ***Networking*** is defined as exchanging information for mutual benefit.

- ***Coordination*** is defined as exchanging information and altering activities for mutual benefit and to achieve a common purpose.

- ***Cooperation*** is defined as exchanging information, altering activities and sharing resources for mutual benefit and to achieve a common purpose.

- ***Collaboration*** is defined as exchanging information, altering activities, sharing resources and enhancing the capacity of another for mutual benefit and to achieve a common purpose.

Most see a role for the synodical expression of the Church in networking and coordination. I also see the synod as broker of cooperation and collaboration.

For congregations, and especially the leaders of congregations, the question will be: how far are we willing to go for the sake of outreach to unchurched people? So far as to alter activities so as to integrate your efforts with a congregation(s) serving the same general locale? Are you willing to share and pool scarce resources? Are you willing to open your hearts, hands and treasury to enhance the resources of others in order to achieve a higher level of effectiveness in outreach?

It is hard to find a single person in the synod who is opposed to the notion that we must become more effective in following the command of Jesus to gather people to faith in Him. Nor do I find very many who fail to realize if we are to become more effective,that we must alter activities. Some have even expressed the understanding that congregations need to be more closely linked together for this common purpose. But I am not sure that many are prepared to go the distance of sharing resources and using what they have to enhance the resources of the other. For that to happen, congregations must repent of the spirit of competition, self-reliance, and turf-tending. I am praying for grace to abound and for that new spirit to arise.

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SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD ASSEMBLY UPDATE

The Synod Assembly meets this year at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynn-wood, June 20-22. **Registration deadline for delegates and visitors is May 15 — packets were mailed in March. If you didn't receive the information or have lost the materials, call the synod office and request the materials.**

There are several options for housing and meals. Some options offer special rates if registered before May 21. **A May mailing will give meal options.**

Please refer to the article in ***THE SPIRIT*** written by Marcia Erickson Bates, which includes additional information about the assembly theme, speakers, and work of the assembly.

KINTNER MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTED IN VOICES OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Ministry on the Wing by Pastor John C. Kintner, will appear in the Spring 1997 issue of *Voices of Congregational Life*. The article takes a look at the history and ministry of the Lutheran Church of the San Juans and how the congregation's airplane makes ministry a unique one.

Congregations are encouraged to reproduce the articles in *Voices* for use in their own publications. It is also available on the ELCA World Wide Web pages under *periodicals.*

BISHOP'S CONVOCATION

The next Bishop's Convocation for pastors and associates in ministry will be a Lutheran-Episcopal Ascension Day Event, May 8, 1997.

Rostered persons of the Northwest Washington Synod are invited to join colleagues from the Southwestern Washington Synod and the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia for a day of presentation and discussion on the *Concordat of Agreement*, the Lutheran-Episcopal Full Communion proposal.

Speakers include Dr. William Peterson, Dean of Bexley Hall and Professor of Church History at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, and Dr. Eric W. Gritsch, Professor Emeritus of Church History at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

The full day event, to be held at Lutheran Bible Institute in Issaquah, will include plenary presentations, small group discussion, luncheon and Eucharist. Details and registration to follow.

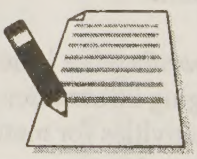
QUILTS FOR LOMA?

For many years the LOMA Center for Renewal was blessed to have Sylvia Erickson of Grace, Bellevue as a Board member. One of the wonderful things she did was to contact quilting groups from churches in the area and help supply the Center with quilts; for mostly twin beds, although some double beds as well.

The Center is a 65-bed conference and retreat site in Issaquah. It is a wonderful addition to our hospitality ministry to have quilts on our beds, especially when they are signed by the quilting group and church location. It has a way of communicating so much regarding LOMA as a Lutheran ministry with a personal touch to the thousands of people who stay here.

So—I am looking for a way to communicate this need to women's organizations, etc., who would be interested in adding their stitch to the Center for Renewal. Any contacts, quilts, or suggestions?

Many thanks, Patrick Brady



In addition to *SOUNDINGS*, Northwest Washington Synod publishes two other communications instruments. Be sure to read both *THE SPIRIT* and *REGIONEEWS* and share them as appropriate throughout your congregation.

Region I Governing Council Begins Staf Restructuring by Passing Resolution at March 22, 1997 Meeting

Region 1's Governing Council, in an effort to respond to requests by congregations to meet their local mission needs, is in the process of creating staff positions to fulfill the local ministry requests. The decision made March 22, 1997, to restructure the staff in order to meet the local ministry needs evolved through several stages so that all voices directly affected were consulted in the process. Conversations with churchwide, regional staff, and representatives from major ministries, such as youth and multicultural, added vital perspectives for the decision. "While we are concerned with doing things legally, we are also very concerned with going through the process compassionately and humanely," said David Swartling, chair, Region 1 Governing Council.

An official copy of the lengthy "Resolution Regarding Regional Staffing," unanimously accepted by the Region 1 Governing Council, March 22, 1997 is available from your Synod office. The Region 1 Governing Council is made up of the Bishops of the six synods in Region 1 and the Synod Vice-Presidents. The resolution includes recommendations that "reasonable and appropriate steps" be taken to implement the executive staffing recommendations; that there will be consultation and collaboration with the churchwide organization and existing staff; that synods, congregations, individuals and other entities be informed of this restructuring; that these issues will be explained to existing executive and support staff; that transition issues will be addressed, and that the call process will be completed prior to the Fall 1997 meeting of the Governing Council.

The three Region 1 staff positions that will make up the central core of the restructuring to meet local congregational ministry needs are two Congregation Ministries Coordinators (CMC's). One will have specialties in Youth and Family Ministries and the other will have specialities in Evangelism and Multicultural Ministries. A third position is intended to include a half-time Region 1 Coordinator component together with two Churchwide Deployed responsibilities--Division for Ministry and Department of Synodical Relations. Both the Congregational Ministry Coordinators will assist the Region 1 Congregational Resource Network (cRn) in the planning and implementing of the ministry activities and projects in Region 1. As Traci Saalfeld, Region 1 Youth Representative to Region 1 Governing Council aptly noted, "The focus of these positions is to train networks of people who can fulfill these ministries at the local congregational levels."

All the details of the resolution's implementation were not fully and finally resolved at the meeting. The Executive Committee was asked to develop a plan for the interview process and to be sure that there is adequate representation and input from youth and multicultural ministries. In particular, they were asked by Neal Buckaloo, current Multicultural Coordinator, to include at least three multicultural representatives from three synods and by Traci Saalfeld, Region 1 Youth Representative, to include youth representatives on the Call Committee. "We are still sorting out the process. We are trying to do it consistently with ELCA personnel policy as well as be in dialogue with everyone affected by the process in order to work out a procedure that will benefit as many people as possible," said David Swartling. The Region 1 Coordinating Council echoed Swartling's sentiments that it is better to "have a collaborative process and be in dialogue" rather than impose a prescriptive plan that is not sensitive to those involved.

Synod Events

Bishop's Healing Service

May 4 at Christ the Servant, 2600 Lakeway Dr., Bellingham. This service begins at 5 pm and is also followed by dessert and cookies.

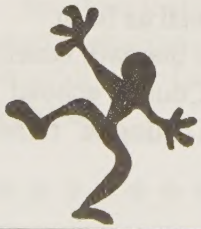
All rostered persons and their families are invited to these services. Our Bishop recognizes the unique situation of spouses and children in clergy families. The healing service is a time when we can gather and share some of that uniqueness, pray for one another and ourselves, and be lifted up in prayer.

Open Door Ministries Fund Raiser

Pat Wright and the *Total Experience Gospel Choir* and the *Diversity Dance Workshop* will perform in a benefit for Open Door Ministries on Sunday, May 4, at 4 pm, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 9th and Stewart, Seattle.

Free parking is available. A suggested donation of $7 is requested.

ODM exists to bring the compassion of Christ and his Church to persons affected by HIV/AIDS. The chaplain, the Rev. Rick Pribbernow, may be reached at 206/628-0946.



Postlewait Installation

Scott Postlewaite wil be installed as Campus Pastor at the University of Washington May 1st at 7 pm at Covenant House 4525 19th Ave NE, Seattle.

Clergy, please vest white. All are invited!

Northwest Lutheran History Day

Celebrate our Lutheran Heritage! Come to the 9th Annual Northwest Lutheran History Day at Lutheran Bible Institute, Issaquah, on Tuesday, May 13, 9 am - 3 pm. Speakers include: Roland Swanson (*Augustana in the Northwest)*; Robert Moylan (*The Lutheran Free Church in the Northwest*); and Dennis Andersen (*Hans Andreas Stub: Correspondence 1912-1925).*

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Lutheran Women's Caucus

"Simplify your life to achieve your goals" will be presented by the Puget Sound chapter of the Lutheran Women's Caucus on Saturday, May 17, at 11:45 am at Central Lutheran Church, 1710 11th Ave. E, Seattle (11th & E. Olive). The speaker will be a member of the speakers' bureau of the New Roadmap Foundation. Discussion will consider interdependence of personal and societal goals. the meeting will begin with shared finger food; bring your own cup or mug for beverages. Both the luncheon and the program are open to the public.

Save the Date! September 13, 1997

Mark your calendar now for a lively one-day conference on *Christian Faith, Work and the Economy* inspired by the issues raised in the ELCA study document on economic life, ***Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread.***

In dialogue with experts in economics, public policy and Lutheran theology, conference-goers will discover ways of living faithfully amid dynamic changes in the world of work.

Sponsored by: Faith & Life Forum, NWW Synod ELCA, Phinney Ridge Lutheran and AAL Branch #9361.

Watch your mail for registration information or call Sue Yuzer at 789-1972 evenings.

More Events

Look to Jesus, Run the Race...

The 1997 ELCA Global Mission Events will take place this summer in two locations: **July 10-13 at Wheaton College**, Wheaton, IL; and **July 17-20 at Texas Lutheran University,** Seguin TX.

Speakers for the Events are: **The Rev. Bonnie Jensen** (Opening Celebration Speaker), Executive Director for the Division for Global Mission. Pastor Jensen and her husband were missionaries in Ethiopia with the American Lutheran Church. She has been a member of the Division for Global Mission staff since the ELCA was formed in 1988.

Dr. He Qi (Keynote Speaker) teaches art at Nanjing Theological Seminary and Nanjing University. He has worked at the Tibet Art Exhibit Center in Lhasa and as promotional artist in Jiangsu Fine Art Gallery. Dr. He is a member of the China Artist Association, the Asian Christian Art Association and is a guest research fellow of Tao Fong Shan Christian Centre in Hong Kong.

Dr. Elsa Tamez (Bible Study Leader) is one of the best-known women theologians in Latin America. She is president of the Seminario Biblico Latinoamericano in San José, Costa Rica.

Rev. Stephen Larson (Closing Worship Preacher) is pastor of Evangelical Lutheran Church, Geneva, Switzerland. He has held office with the Association of International Churches in Europe and the Middle East.

LWR Project Comfort

You are invited to join in Lutheran World Relief's *Project Comfort* to provide LWR the $2 per quilt that covers processing, warehousing and shipping. Donations to LWR marked PROJECT COMFORT may be paid by check to Lutheran World Relief, Church St. Station, PO Box 6186, New York, NY 10277-1738, or charged to VISA or MASTERCARD BY PHONING 1/800/597-5972.

Ingathering for LWR in Seattle at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church parking lot (corner of NW 85th and 25th NW) will be **Friday, May 2**, 8 am to 4 pm, and **Saturday, May 3**, 8 am to noon.

LWR needs mens and children's clothing (light to med. weight - in good condition - no gloves, shoes, hats, scarves, or heavy winter clothing). Sweaters are welcome anytime!

Donations may also be made to help defray local railroad costs. Mail to: The Hellings, 2370 W. Viewmont Way W., Seattle,WA 98199.

1997 Lutheran Bible Institute

Benefit Auction

Students On Line

All proceeds go directly to benefit students by adding telephones to residence hall rooms, providing Internet access.

6:00 PM, Saturday, May 17, 1997

Cost: $8 each or two people for $15. Refreshments included.
Live & silent auction. Fergus Prestbye, Auctioneer.
Unique, fun, & special items. Lots of gourmet meals, theater tickets, art items, & specialty baskets.
Additional donations are welcome.

Cascade Auditorium, 4221 - 228th Ave. SE, Issaquah
For more information, call LBIS at 392-0400.

Share Mariner "Mania" with Fellow Lutherans

Lutheran Day at the Mariners -
Mariners vs. Texas Rangers
Saturday, July 12 1:05 pm start -
Bishop Maier will throw the first pitch

Lutheran Night at the Mariners -
Mariners vs Milwaukee Brewers
Monday, August 11, 7:05 pm start - ½ priced tickets
(Bishop not throwing first pitch!)

Information about group ticket purchases will be coming to congregations.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION TO PARISH NURSING

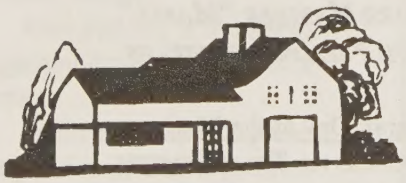
Pacific Lutheran University's Continuing Nursing Education will offer *Introduction to Parish Nursing*, September 28-29 and November 17-18 at PLU.

The course examines the components necessary develop an effective parish nursing practice. It is designed to provide experienced RNs with an overview of practice issues and approaches to individuals and groups within a faith community.

An experiential project is required for the continuing education contact hour credit. Open to interested RNs with at least two years of nursing experience.

Clergy and congregation members are invited to attend the Sunday session which will develop the concepts of health ministry.

For an informational brochure contact PLU Center for Continued Nursing Learning, Tacoma, WA 98447, 206/535-7683, Fax. 206/535-7590.



STEPHEN SERIES

There will be a Stephen Series Leader's Training Course opportunity in the Seattle area July 13-19.

For information, contact: Stephen Series, 8016 Dale, St. Louis, MO 63117-1449; phone: 314/645-5511; Fax: 314/645-9133.

VISITING PROFS. AT LBI

Two outstanding visiting Professors will visit Lutheran Bible Institute during 1997-98. Each will teach at least one Continuing Education course during their stay and could be available to congregations as resourses.

DR. B.J. PRASHANTHAM, INDIA

Dr. Prashantham will be here from September 1 until sometime in November. He is one of the most respected and widely known Indian theologians. For more than two decades he has directed the Christian Counselling Center in Vallore, Tamil Nadu.

REV. JOHN GOLIATH, SOUTH AFRICA

Rev. Goliath will be here from late January until early April, 1998. He is the Academic Dean at an Anglican Theological Seminary in South Africa. Rev. Goliath is an Oxford educated theologian, a member of the so-called "Colored" community in South Africa, and a very able and articulate person.

ADULT ELCA LEARNING DAY

This event, sponsored and led by the ELCA Division for Congregational Ministries and Augsburg Fortress, Publishers, Saturday, May 17, 9 am - 3:30 pm, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Everett, encourages adult education leaders from around the country to join together to explore answers to important Adult Christian education questions.

ST. OLAF CONFERENCES ON THEOLOGY & MUSIC

Following Jesus: Discipleschip Today is the theme for the 1997 St. Olaf Conferences on Theology & Music, July 14-18, at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN.

For conference brochures, agenda and registration information, contact: Office of Church Relations, St. Olaf College, 1520 St. Olaf Ave., Northfield, MN 55057-1098. Phone: 507/646-3842;
fax: 507/646-3921;
E-mail: gorderj@stolaf.edu;
hhtp://www.stolaf.edu/services/conferences.

RESOURCES

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Reaching Young Adults, written by Dr. Dave Ellingson, Region 1 Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator, is a part of a New Learning Ministry Series through ELCA. The booklet provides a step-by-step process to involve and recruit young adults in your church. To order, call 1/800/328-4648 and ask for Unit 2 #69-6090. Also included are separate pieces on involving children in ministry and Sunday school planning.

Want Ads

Director of Family & Youth Ministries

Camano Lutheran is seeking a person to develop and promote a ministry of families and youth.

Qualifications include: membership in the Lutheran church; Biblical and theological knowledge; organizational, motivational,and communication skills. Counseling, computer literacy, budgeting and some course work in Family and Youth Ministry desirable. This full-time position starts September 1.

Send resume, college transcript to: Camano Lutheran Church, 850 N. Heichel Rd., Camano Island, WA 98292, Attn: Director of Family & Youth Committee. Call 360/629-4592 for more information.

Director Youth Ministries

Bethlehem Lutheran, Marysville, is seeking a person with gifts in relational ministry for youth and their families.

Outgoing self-starter with training in youth and related educated ministries is a must; experience and certification as an ELCA associate in ministry (or person seeking certification), is a definite plus.

This is a full-time position with a benefits package and housing assistance if desired.

Send resume to: Pastor Jack Richards, Bethlehem Lutheran, 7215 51st Ave. NE, Marysville, WA

Director of Family & Youth Ministries

Anacortes Lutheran Church has a full-time position for a Director of Family & Youth Ministries to work with the pastor and lay leaders to develop and promote a congregational ministry that will involve active participation of families and their youth.

Must be a member of a Lutheran Church, willing to join Anacortes Lutheran; must possess organizational, motivational and communication skills. College degree and experience necessary.

For more information, contact Anacortes Lutheran Church, 2100 "O" Ave., Anacortes, WA 98221, 360/292-9586.

Coordinator of Choral Music

Ebenezer Lutheran, Lake Stevens, is seeking a part-time Coordinator of Choral Music with a knowledge of traditional contemporary styles, to begin mid- to late August, directing two adult choirs.

Detailed job description available upon request; salary based on experience.

Send resume to Pastor Richard Edmonds, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, PO Box 97, Lake Stevens, WA 98258. Call 206/334-0421 for information. Apply by May 15, 1997.

Winter Associate Pastor

Faith Lutheran Church, Yuma, AZ, is seeking a retired pastor to serve as Winter Associate Pastor. This is a part-time position involving two a half days per week, early November through April 15. Includes hospital and home visitation, coordination of a weekly potluck dinner program, and assistance with Sunday worship, occasional preaching.

For further information, contact Faith Lutheran Church, PO Box 4596, Yuma, AZ 85366.

For Sale or Trade

Foss Home & Village in Seattle now has a portable chapel and no longer needs its altar. Additionally, Foss is trying to save space in the former chapel area so would like to sell a baby grand piano and acquire a good spinet piano. The baby grand piano needs some work; the altar is 88' long x 32' deep x 39' high. Also available to trade or sell, an electronic Allen organ, no longer needed at Foss For more information, please contact Tim Teachman, Environmental Services Director, 206/440-2365.

AAL Helps Plan for Retirement

Retirement is not a destination. It is a journey that needs to be carefully planned.

That's the message of *Retirement: Mapping Your Journey*, a new educational program from Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL). The program, designed for people age 40-65, helps participants take a holistic approach to retirement.

The hour-long program uses video, personal assessment tools and other exercises. Topics covered include housing options, healthy living, roles and relationships, hobbies and volunteering.

Every family attending the program will receive a free copy of Kiplinger's *Retire and Thrive*, by Robert Otterbourg, and other booklets and materials to help compile a personal retirement portfolio.

Call 1/800/CALL-ALL to find the name of the nearest district representative, or visit AAL's Web site at http//www.aal.org.

Youth News

Holden Youth Weekends

Good News! All of the Holden Weekends are full and more than 1000 youth will experience these inspiring weekends at this beautiful high mountain village!

Synod Youth Convo — Have You Signed Up?

Are you sending young persons to Convo? It's a great way for them to learn how the church works, discuss important issues, and develop their leadership skills.

Each congregation is encouraged to send two delegates and other interested youth to the Youth Convo, June 20-21 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynnwood.

A Youth Registration form was included with congregational packets. Questions? Call Bill Haines, 206/546-4153.

Youth Servant Events

National and international Servant Events and Hunger/Justice Programs for youth are detailed in *Journeys for Youth and Young Adults:1997*, an ELCA publication available by contacting their Resource Information line at 1/800/638-3522. Plan now for an exciting summer as well as a rewarding one.

Festival of Life Youth Weeks at LBI

The Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle invites your youth group to check out the annual Festival of Life youth weeks this summer.

Jr. High: June 30-July 3
Sr. High 1: July 6-10
Sr. High 2: July 13-17

Join over 100 youth each week participating in celebration, reflection, challenge, creative fun, and the building of friendships in Christ.

Converge on our college campus with youth groups from California to Minnesota and beyond. Experience the Christ-centered fun and growth that keeps the youth groups coming back.

For more information, reply to: lbi-comp@lbi.edu; or contact Dr. Bill Goodwin, LBIS Youth & Family Ministry Dept., 4221 - 228th Ave. SE, Issaquah, WA 908029-9299, 206/392-0400.

United for Change

The Peacemaker Training Institute helps young people become more effective peace and justice activists.

United for Change, is an intensive week of leadership development and nonviolence training for young people wanting to create positive social change. Includes meetings with key community organizations in Seattle and discussions on issues of peace and justice; with a special focus on homeless youth. Skills workshops include theory and principles of nonviolence, conflict resolution, multiculturalism, organizing an event, fundraising and publicity.

Co-sponsored with Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation.

For more information: call 914/358-4601; fax: 914/358-4924; E-mail: forpti@igc.org.

Holy Commotion! August 10-14, PLU

Holy Commotion! is a Region 1 youth and adult leadership event held at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma.

Daily electives include song writing, vocal training, drums and percussion, and a wide variety of other learning opportunities, many in specific instruments, and all led by Tom Almli and Lyle Fords and the musicians of the Pulpit Rock group.

Information and registration packets will be sent out soon. Registration deadline is July 15 — don't miss out on this great event.

Contact person and registrar: Lori Howe, 16203 7th Ave Ct E, Tacoma WA 98445, 206/531-6887.

Region 1 Youth Gathering '97

It's coming! Yes, the 1997 Youth Gathering, *LIVE NOW!*, is coming November 28-30. All senior high youth are welcome. Highlights:

John 14:6 ~ *I am the way, the truth, and the LIFE.*

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Leadership Training Opportunities

These popular, high quality youth training schools will be held again this summer. They can help your youth learn how to be an effective leader in your congregational Youth Ministry. Check the *Just-About-Everything Pages* for specific dates, people to contact and registration forms.

FROM THE SYNOD STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

HOW TO RAISE EXPECTATIONS/RESPONSES IN GIVING

Are you reporting at least monthly to your membership a dollar figure of their giving by Sunday, by month, by year-to-date? This way of reporting usually implies that "we are trying to meet our budget." *However,* if the report says that because our giving was $xxxx, we were able to accomplish xxx (and be specific in saying what was done), there is a greater feeling of accomplishment and better support. Find out from Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, music personnel, social ministry teams, etc., what they are *doing* because of the offerings that are received.

I encourage you to find out from your church council and other leaders of your congregation what their dreams are. What would they like to be doing in their particular area of ministry *if money were no object?* Then, convey these dreams to the general membership. Work with your council to come up with a "dream budget" that includes all those things that your congregation would like to be doing. Maybe you can't do them all at once, but you could work toward accomplishing a few at a time. What would it cost the average household - $5 a month, $5 a week? Start with something that *is* attainable. But I also encourage you *not* to make this goal a "special" fund or drive; have this be part of your regular ministry made possible through regular offerings.

- Have a clearly defined mission statement for your congregation.
- Have a few clear, attainable short-range and long-range goals.
- Make sure the membership knows what these goals are.
- Keep the membership informed, at least monthly, of progress toward these goals.
- As goals are accomplished, establish additional goals.

As I write I am reminded of Deuteronomy 6:7. After the Great Commandment, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might" (verses 4-5) comes this instruction:

> **And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart; you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.**

In other words, don't just mention it once a year, or make a month-long campaign, but talk about this until it becomes a part of you. If you do the same with your congregation, the goals and the dreams, you will find that you will be able to accomplish the ministry that you together have purposed in your hearts.

- Paulette Claver
Secretary, NWWA Stewardship Committee

FAMILY NEWS

Please remember the following brothers and sisters as you pray:

- **Erik & Kristen Wilson Weiberg,** on the birth of son, **Henrik Wilson Weiberg** on March 7. Henrik weighed in at 9 lbs. 1 oz. Mother, Dad, baby and big brother are all doing fine!
- **Bill Coffman and Cathie Clark** who will be married at Immanuel, Seattle, on May 4. Congratulations!
- **Amy Bartling** who is now at home in Seattle with family while she recovers from her recent accident.
- **Dick Sorensen,** recovering at home following a brief illness.
- **Dennis L. Anderson,** whose wife, **Ruth Anderson,** , died March 18 in Bellingham after fighting cancer. A memorial service was held at Central, Bellingham, on March 25. Memorials may be made to Central Lutheran or Lutheran Bible Institute.
- **Bob Quello,** for those of you who would like to drop a note of encouragement while he's undergoing chemo-therapy we have a new home address: 203 Windmere Ct., Sedona, AZ 86336.
- Continued prayers for **Jerry Erickson** and his family.

Please have your July/August *Soundings* contributions in the Synod Office by Friday, June 13. Your continued cooperation is noted and appreciated! Thank you!

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1 Leadership Support Committee, Synod Office, 4 pm
1 Finance Committee, Prince of Peace, Shoreline, 7 pm
3 Global Mission Committee, Luther Memorial, Seattle, 10:30 am
4 **Bishop's Healing Service**, Christ the Servant, Bellingham, 5 pm
7 Synod Assembly Task Force, Trinity, Lynnwood, 3 pm
8 **Bishop's Convocation**, Lutheran Bible Institute, Issaquah
10 SYNOD COUNCIL, Our Saviour's, Bellingham, 8:30 am
11 Worship Service for Mentally Ill & families, University, Seattle, 7:00 pm
12 Maritime Ministry Committee, Denny Park, Seattle, 9:30 am
14 Executive Committee, St John, Seattle, 7:30 am
15 *Praying the Liturgical Seasons*, Dominican Center, Edmonds
17 Skagit Cluster Pre-Assembly meeting of voting members, First, Mt Vernon, 9 am
20-21 Prevention of Sexual Misconduct Workshop, Phinney Ridge, Seattle
21 **Cluster Deans**, Synod Office, 10 am
26 HOLIDAY—SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED
27 Parish Education Committee, Augsburg Fortress, 1 pm
27 Domestic Violence Task Force, LSS NW Area Office, 3 pm
28 Worship Task Force, Synod Office, 12:30 pm
28 Stillaguamish Cluster Pre-Assembly meeting of voting members, Faith, Lakewood, 7:30 pm
31 Ecumenical Summit, St John, Seattle, 9 am

CALLS ACCEPTED
Verlon C. Brown — Central, Seattle through Synod Council — 03/15/97

INSTALLATIONS
Verlon C. Brown — Central, Seattle — 05/18/97
D. Scott Postlewait — Campus Ministry, Univ of Washington — 05/01/97

ORDINATION/COMMISSIONING
None this month

RETIREMENTS
None this month

ANNIVERSARIES/DEDICATIONS/SPECIAL EVENTS
None this month

RESIGNATIONS
Stephen A. Torkko — from Cross of Christ, Bellevue — 03/31/97

REMOVED FROM ROSTER BY ACTION OF SYNOD
Paul A. Anderson — 02/01/97
Wayne C. Bayer — 02/01/97
William B. Humphreys — 03/01/97

TRANSFERS IN/OUT OF SYNOD
Verlon C. Brown — from Eastern Washington/Idaho Synod — 03/15/97

CONGREGATIONS/AGENCIES IN CALL PROCESS V=Vacancy
C=Calling NV=New Vacancy Int=Interim S=Synod Call I=Interviewing

Burien, Glendale (Assoc)	NV	Arnold Anderson, Lead Pastor
Everett, Faith	Int	Dennis Schaffert, Interim
Marysville, Bethlehem (Assoc)	I	Jack Richards, Pastor
Redmond, Sammamish Hills (Assoc)	I	Stephen Olson, Lead Pastor
Seatac, Prince of Peace	NV	Stephen Grumm, Lead Pastor
Seattle, Bethel Chinese	V	
Seattle, Calvary	Int	Mary Lindberg, Interim
Stanwood, Freeborn	Int	Arden Barden, Interim